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On May 23, 2013 the United States Forest Service (USFS) proposed a rule under the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-011) that would clarify regulations for the management and protection of paleontological resources on Forest Service lands.

The proposed rule includes regulations for the management and curation of paleontological resources, consequences for breaking paleontological law, and clarifies that science would be the primary tool for managing paleontological resources. The proposed rule would not affect the casual collection of common fossils.

The draft legislation is open for public comment from experts and stakeholders until July 22, 2013.

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